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Title: METHOD FOR OPERATING A VEHICLE, AND A  
DEVICE FOR CARRYING OUT SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification,  
claims and abstract prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 presently in the application and  
substitute new claims 13-30 as follows:

A method for operating a vehicle in which access  
authorization is determined via a dialogue between a control  
device fixed in the vehicle and an authorization verification  
device carried by a user, said authorization verification device  
also enabling a starting of the vehicle drive unit, wherein the